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The following information is approved for public distribution to any and all of your associates. All events are open to the public. Please scroll through this message for a detailed summary of items described. Contact information for each item is provided.

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***"Many Lands, Many People, Many Faiths...One Arizona"***

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**1. TV Converter Box Coupon Program**

Are you ready for February 17, 2009? Do you have a TV in your home that works with the help of "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna?

If you receive free TV using an antenna and your TV is not digital, you need to take action sometime before February 17, 2009 so you can continue to receive programs after that date.

What's this about? The Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 requires TV stations to stop broadcasting in analog and to broadcast only in digital after February 17, 2009. The digital transition will provide a better viewing experience for consumers and help emergency responders protect your community.

The Act created the TV Converter Box Coupon Program for households wishing to use their analog TV's after the transition. The Federal government is offering US households up to two \$40.00 coupons to help pay for the cost of a certified converter box. TV's connected to cable, satellite, or other pay services do not need a converter box to receive programs after February 17, 2009.

What do I need to do? For each analog TV you own, you need to decide before February 17, 2009 how you would like to get programming after the change to digital.

What are my options?

1. Buy a converter box that will plug into your current TV, which is expected to cost between \$50 and \$70
2. Buy a TV with a digital tuner
3. Connect the analog TV to cable, satellite or other pay service

How do I get a coupon? Apply online or by phone. You may also mail in or fax a coupon application. You may request one coupon now and one later, but no more than two coupons per household are allowed. Coupon supplies are limited. Coupons expire 90 days after they are mailed.

Apply online at [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov)

Apply by Phone 1.888.388.2009

TTY (English) 1.877.530.2634

TTY (Spanish) 1.866.495.1161

All applications must be submitted by March 31, 2009. More information can be found at [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov)

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## **2. AICCAz Networking Luncheon – May 16th**

Guest Speaker: Steve Gunderson, Tallsalt Financial Group

Topic: Investments

Join us at our monthly networking luncheon as we welcome our guest speaker, Steve Gunderson of Tallsalt Financial Group. Mr. Gunderson will be discussing issues to consider when investing personal, small business, corporate, or tribal funds.

Mr. Gunderson serves as President of his company and has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and investment management across a wide range of industries. Mr. Gunderson is from the Navajo Nation, earned his MBA from the University of Southern California and served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Date: Friday, May 16, 2008

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Casino Arizona, Eagle Buffet Conference Room

McKellips/101, east exit off of the 101

Price:

\$18 members

\$21 non-members

WalkIns/No RSVP: \$25.00

To RSVP simply email your Name, Title, and Organization to [info@aiccaz.org](mailto:info@aiccaz.org) or call 602.254.1952

Payments must be made by day of event. All "No Show" reservations will be invoiced. Please make checks payable to: American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona

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## **3. 2008 Valley Diaper Drive – May 17th**

Join Tim and Willy at the Diaper Dump!

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Sunflower Farmers Market

245 E. Bell Road (Phoenix)

9:00am - Noon

Join us in our annual Valley Diaper Drive to benefit the Diapers Bank's 55 nonprofit partners. This year we aim to raise 100,000 diapers and \$10,000 to cover needy bottoms in our community. How can you get involved?

During the month of May, drop off unopened packs of diapers at any Sunflower Farmers Market or Discount Tire.

**DIAPER FACTS:**

- A healthy change of diapers costs \$100.00/month for all ages
- Incontinent seniors often become homebound if they can't afford supplies
- Many disabled children never outgrow the need for diapers
- Safety net programs do not cover diapers, not Food Stamps, not WIC, not Medicare.

For more information visit [valleydiaperbank.org](http://valleydiaperbank.org) or call 602.253.0050

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**4. Racial Profiling Forum – May 21st**

The Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office Civil Rights Division will host a Racial Profiling Forum.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Tucson City Hall  
255 W. Alameda Street, 1st Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85701

The Board has authority pursuant to ARS 41-1402(A) to make periodic surveys of the existence and effect of discrimination in the enjoyment of civil rights by any person within this state, to foster the elimination of discrimination through community effort, and to issue publications of the results of studies, investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to promote goodwill and the elimination of discrimination between persons because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status or national origin. The Board would like to hear from community members, organizations and law enforcement about racial profiling incidents that they or others have encountered in Arizona, the existence of racial profiling in Arizona, its impact on the lives of Arizona citizens, and suggestions for addressing it.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Kathleen Grant of the Civil Rights Division at 602.542.4909 or TTY 602.542.5002.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Grant at 602.542.4909

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**5. ADOT Disparity Study Public Hearings - May 28th and 29th**

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting a Disparity Study to ensure that contracting opportunities are fair regardless of race, ethnicity or gender. The Disparity Study is covering the time period between July 1, 2002, and June 30, 2007.

Your attendance and participation is encouraged in the Disparity Study public hearings on May 28th in Tucson and May 29th in Phoenix by giving testimony about your experiences doing business with or attempting to do business with ADOT.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008  
5:30pm-8:30pm  
Joe Valdez Public Library  
101 N. Stone Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Thursday, May 29, 2008  
5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Burton Barr Public Library  
1221 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85040

Representatives from the consulting firm MGT of America Inc., are facilitating the public hearings on behalf of ADOT.

ADOT is particularly interested in the testimony of Prime Contractors, Sub-contractors, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Minority-owned Business Enterprises, Woman-owned Business Enterprises and Professional Associations.

Thank you for taking the time to attend one of the public hearings. If you need additional information about the public hearings, please contact Terry Patton at 480.802.2839.

Sincerely,

Victor M. Mendez  
Director, AZ Department of Transportation

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#### **6. AICCAz Evening Mixer - May 28th**

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (AICCAz) presents the Quarterly Professionals Mixer.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm

Location: Johnny's Uptown (NE Corner of Camelback Rd./Central Ave.)

This is a wonderful evening of networking and fun with other business professionals. Admission is free with an RSVP! Walk-ups are welcome for an admission of \$5.00.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres courtesy of the AICCAz and multiple drawings for great door prizes!

To RSVP, email [info@aiccaz.org](mailto:info@aiccaz.org) or call 602.254.1952 - no later than 5/23/08

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#### **7. NCAI 2008 Mid-Year Conference - June 1st-4th**

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2008 Mid-Year Conference  
"Sovereignty in Action"

June 1st-4th, 2008

John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort

Reno/Sparks, Nevada

Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 16, 2008.

Fee: Members \$325.00, Non-Members \$375

To view the agenda, please visit [http://www.ncai.org/fileadmin/ncai\\_events/midyear2008/2008MidYearDraftAgenda.pdf](http://www.ncai.org/fileadmin/ncai_events/midyear2008/2008MidYearDraftAgenda.pdf)

To register, please visit [http://www.ncai.org/fileadmin/ncai\\_events/midyear2008/regform.pdf](http://www.ncai.org/fileadmin/ncai_events/midyear2008/regform.pdf)

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#### **8. Avon Hello Tomorrow Fund: Grant Program to Empower Women – Deadline: Quarterly**

Upcoming deadlines are June 2, 2008; September 1, 2008; and December 1, 2008.

The fund will continue to award \$5,000 each week, through April 2009. Winners are deserving individuals who have submitted a compelling application to launch or expand a program or project to empower women in their communities and beyond. One winner will be publicly announced every Tuesday through the Hello Tomorrow Web site.

Eligibility: The award is for an individual, not an organization or company. Women and men are eligible to win as long as the program or project benefits women of all ages in the U.S. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a legal permanent resident of the U.S. or a U.S. citizen to apply.

For the RFP Link, please visit: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15012803/avon>

For additional RFPs in Women, please visit: [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_women.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_women.jhtml)

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## **9. STEP Orientation - June 4th**

Striving Toward Exceptional Performance. This opportunity is available to African American HS age students that have the vision and desire to earn college credits while still in High School. Scholarships are available for those that act quickly. STEP is very similar to the ACE programs offered throughout the Maricopa Community College District, the difference - we are focusing on African American youth who unfortunately are not participating in high or visible numbers in the other program.

Wednesday, June 4, 2008  
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Mesa Community College - Kirk Student Center  
Kiva Room

For questions, please call 480.461.7588

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## **10. Native American Youth Entrepreneur Camp – July 20-25, 2008**

Join us at the 12th Native American Youth Entrepreneur Camp (NAYEC), July 20-25, 2008 on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson.

This weeklong camp is open for High school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates. To focus on:

- Real-world business skills
- Starting a business,
- Building entrepreneurial skills
- Planning, implementing, and running their own business.

Cost: \$650.00/student (Includes: 6 nights in an on-campus residence hall with linens, 3 meals a day, session material, and basic extra-curricular fees). Partial scholarships are available for a limited time!

Download the Camp application at:

<http://nni.arizona.edu/whatsnew/nayec08/Application%20Form%20for%20Summer%202008.pdf>

A copy of the brochure can be found at: [http://nni.arizona.edu/whatsnew/nayec08/NAYEC\\_brochure\\_2008.pdf](http://nni.arizona.edu/whatsnew/nayec08/NAYEC_brochure_2008.pdf)

For more information, please email Julian Billy at [jbilly@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jbilly@email.arizona.edu) or Carrie Stusse at [cms1@email.arizona.edu](mailto:cms1@email.arizona.edu), call (520) 626 – 0664 or visit <http://nni.arizona.edu/whatsnew/nayec12.php>

The NAYEC is presented by the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy (NNI) and is funded by the Morris K. Udall Foundation.

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## **11. Arizona Networks a listing of local, state, and federal grants**

Welcome to Arizona Networks, a listing of local, state, and federal grants, RFPs, RFQs, and bids dedicated to Arizona's nonprofit community.

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